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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Wednesday, October 19, 2005 2 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence Wednesday, October 19, 2005 3 a.m.
Nature of Event: Couple's Death Investigated as Suspicious
Location of Call: Foresthill Bridge, Auburn

Released by: Dena Erwin, (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is investigating the suspicious circumstances surrounding the deaths of a couple and their dog who were found beneath the 730-foot tall Foresthill Bridge early Tuesday morning.

Around 3 a.m., California Highway Patrol officers found a vehicle parked on the bridge with the emergency lights flashing. Deputies responded and found a ladder leaning against the bridge railing and two strings hanging over the railing. At daylight, two bodies could be seen under the bridge, about 20 yards from the edge of the American River.

Deputies and members of the Sheriff Department's Mountain Rescue Team retrieved the bodies of the husband and wife, along with their dog. The man and woman were both wearing helmets when found.

The identities of both parties are being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin. They are in their mid-forties.